

**REMARKS**

Claims 1 and 3 are pending. By this Amendment, claim 1-3 are amended and new claims 4-7 are added.

The Office Action objects to the Abstract as not sufficiently describing the claimed invention. It is submitted that the revised Abstract obviates the objection.

The Office Action also objects to the Title of the Invention. By this Amendment the Title has been amended and withdrawal of the objection is requested.

The Office Action objects to claims 2 and 3 for minor informalities. By this Amendment claims 2 and 3 have been amended, and withdrawal of the objections is requested.

The Office Action rejects claims 1-3 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. It is respectfully asserted that the amendments to claims 1-3 obviate these rejections. Therefore Applicants request withdrawal of the rejection.

The Office Action rejects claims 1-2 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 (e) over Shouji (USP 6,033,580). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

The method recited in claim 1 includes forming a rear portion of the upper magnetic core by using a negative resist or an electron beam resist to form a frame for plating, above the end portion of the upper magnetic core. By including this step, the thin film magnetic head includes a second face of the rear portion of the upper magnetic core that is recessed from the surface of the medium floating plane. This results in a thin film magnetic head which will not right its signal from the side of the rear portion of the upper magnetic core. Shouji does not disclose forming a rear portion of the upper magnetic core using a negative resist or an electron beam resist to form a frame for plating, above the end portion of the upper magnetic core. Accordingly, Shouji does not anticipate claims 1 or 2 of the present invention and Applicants request withdrawal of the rejection.

The Office Action rejects claim 3 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 over Shouji in view of Hira (USP 5,567,333). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Hira does not obviate the above noted deficiencies of Shouji regarding claim 1, from which claim 3 depends. Accordingly, the combination of Shouji and Hira does not render obvious claim 3 for the reasons noted above regarding claim 1. Withdrawal of the rejection is requested.

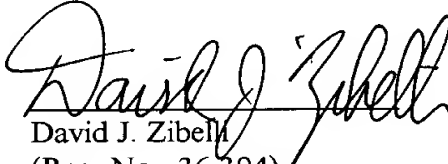
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For at least the above reasons, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Prompt consideration and allowance are solicited.

The Office is authorized to charge any fees due under 37 C.F.R. §1.16 or 1.17 to Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

Should there be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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